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In re Application of:)
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Frank G. Hughes et al.) Group Art Unit: 3748
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Application No.: 10/662,823) Examiner: Not yet assigned
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Filed: September 16, 2003)
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For: CYLINDER BLOCK FOR AN)
INTERNAL COMBUSTION)
ENGINE HAVING A TAPERED)
COOLANT JACKET)

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed documents are attached.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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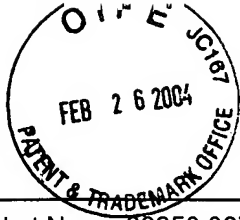
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Examiner Initial*	Document Number	Issue Date	Name	Class	Sub Class	Filing Date If Appropriate
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Document Number	Publication Date	Country	Class	Sub Class	Translation Yes or No

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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